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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re The Application of:)
Earl Cohen)
Serial No.: 09/053,237)
Filed: April 1, 1998)
For: ROUTE/SERVICE PROCES-)
SOR SCALABILITY VIA)
FLOW-BASED DISTRIBUTION OF TRAFFIC)

Examiner: Elallam, A.

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action (final) dated Jan. 18, 2001. This amendment is being filed before the three-month period has run. It is respectfully requested that, if possible, the Examiner could review this amendment and call Applicant's attorney so that the Applicant may act before requiring an extension of time.

Please cancel without prejudice claims 6, 19, 22, 28, and 36.

Please amend the claims, as follows, a complete copy of the claims remaining in the case and claims showing all changes made is attached at the end of this response.